



tattersalls

newsletter **August**



Enjoy the races trackside.

Tattersalls Race day will be held at Royal Randwick on Saturday 1st September.

This year's event will be staged in a large air-conditioned marquee located on The Oaks Lawn adjacent to the finishing post.

Racing Sub Committee Convener Bob Sanders stated that "Over the past few years we have received many requests from Members to be located closer to the betting ring and the course proper. Following a recent meeting with Australian Jockey Club Chief Executive, Tony King, myself and The Secretary, I am pleased to announce that this year's Race Day luncheon will be held in the Marquee.

Furthermore, there will be a Tattersalls Bar in the marquee also, available to Members who do not wish to partake in the luncheon. This should appeal to our younger Members and guests in particular.

The feature races on the day will be the Tattersalls Plate and the Chelmsford Stakes. Members will recall that last year horses owned by Club Members were victorious in both races.

The new arrangements for the Race Day will be very popular, thus Members are requested to book early for the luncheon. [Bookings are now open at the Administration Office Phone 92646111.](#)

housekeeping

secretary's notes

The Committee recently decided that the joining fee for new Under 35 Members be abolished until the end of 2001.

This decision was taken recognising the need to increase membership, and at the same time acknowledging that young Members will play an important role in the future of this great club.

A further initiative introduced will be the staging of specific functions catering to the requirements of this group of Members. Traditionally, Member functions have catered for the entire membership, and in some cases have not appealed to our younger Members.

However the Committee also acknowledges the support from Senior Members, and a Senior Members' Lunch will be announced soon. This will be an opportunity for these Members to meet and socialise with the new Committee.

Unfortunately from time to time some Members take it upon themselves to interfere with equipment within The Club. One can only speculate as to their motives but recently the pool filtration system was tampered with on a weekend. This resulted in lower temperatures than average and some cloudiness within the pool water. Unfortunately in situations such as this, staff are the first to be blamed. Not only is it unfair on other Members, but interfering with equipment could cause harmful effects on other Members.

Sadly for us, Alison Cornish our Membership Officer is leaving Tattersalls early this month. We wish Alison all the best in her new career as a mother (expected in October). Alison has been the happy face in the Office over the years, undertaking various duties. Well done Alison. We wish you all the best with the new baby.

T.J.Bowring

vale

Ken Glass	Member for 45 years
Peter Korda	Member for 19 years
Michael Marling	Member for 34 years

new members

Andrew Conolly	Student/Legal Clerk
Michael Flannery	Pharmacist
Wayne Hann	Company Director
Craig Lawn	Partner, Finance
Dan Osborne	Managing Director
Paul Polydor	Investment Banker
Tim Reid	Area Sales Manager
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calendar of events

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- 7th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 21st Swim Club Month 8 commences.
Swimmers' Snack Bar Lunch.
2 Tatts Race- Date T.B.A (Swimming)
1 week off for Maui
- 30th Lightning Snooker
- 31st Bledisloe Cup Lunch

s e p t e m b e r

- 1st Spring Carnival Race Day
Bledisloe Cup Match
- 4th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 14th Villains of Rugby League Luncheon
- 25th Swim Club Month 9 commences
- 27th I Dinner & Call of Card

o c t o b e r

- 2nd Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 5th Young vs Old Duel to the Last Joke
- 19th Black Tie Boxing
- 22nd Tatts Swimming race
- 23rd Swim Club Month 10 commences
- 25th Lightning Snooker
- 26th Past & Present Lunch

n o v e m b e r

- 6th Melbourne Cup Lunch
- 6th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 15th Swim Club Season concludes
Thursday
- 15th Calcutta Handicap Final
- 22nd Swim Club Championships

d e c e m b e r

- 4th Swim Club Christmas Scramble
- 6th Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro
- 7th Swim Club Christmas Lunch

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
James Alexander Bacon	UNDER 35	Woolloomooloo NSW 2011	HR Manager	K Charman C498	J Michel M413
Andrew William Bowring	UNDER 35	Drummoyne NSW 2047	Sales Executive	A Facciolo F196	G Brahimi B20
Roger Farebrother	ORDINARY	Chipping Norton NSW 2170	Technician	J Gowran G88	W McNally MC146
James Richard Geoffrey Ferguson	UNDER 35	Killara NSW 2071	Financial Analyst	R Glover G42	R Jagger J26
Sam Garland	UNDER 35	St Ives NSW 2075	Accountant	R Jagger J26	A Pope P12
Avron Paul Grossberg	ORDINARY	Bellevue Hill NSW 2023	Director of Companies	R Glover G42	R Sanders S15
Paul Harry Hughes	ORDINARY	Woollahra NSW 2025	Solicitor	M Gray G309	P Whitford W3
Cameron Philip Jones	UNDER 35	Darling Point NSW 2027	Stockbroker	N Carrigan C33	R Farrington F213
Robert John Lynch	ORDINARY	Point Piper NSW 2027	Company Director	G Brahimi B20	J Gowran G88
Simon Edward Marks-Isaacs	ORDINARY	Woolloomooloo NSW 2011	General Manager	M Watkins W76	P Werner W10
Timothy David Francis McDonald	UNDER 35	Darling Point NSW 2027	Lawyer	A McDonald MC45	J Spruhan S226
William Patrick McCosker	UNDER 35	Paddington NSW 2021	Solicitor	J McCosker MC34	D Castle C4
Peter John McLaughlin	ORDINARY	Castle Cove NSW 2069	Regional General Manager	G Brahimi B20	J Gowran G88
Michael Robert Pash	UNDER 35	Mosman NSW 2088	Investment Banker	R Glover G42	R Sanders S15
Stuart Mitchell Ross	UNDER 35	Darling Point NSW 2027	Commercial Real Estate	R Glover G42	G Glover G124
Kevin Gordon Smart	UNDER 35	Fairlight NSW 20954	Human Resources	A Pope P12	R Farrell F27
William Andrew Vasili	UNDER 35	Vaucluse NSW 2030	Research Analyst	C Duncan D197	J Coultas C78
Charles Richard Wells	UNDER 35	Kirribilli	Banking-Senior Administrator	R Jagger J26	A Pope P12

REJOINING

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
Ken C Allen	Palm Beach NSW 2108	Consul General
Alan David Prudames	Wentworth Falls NSW 2782	Surveyor
Colin Arthur Rooke	Bellevue Hill NSW 2023	Valuer/Company Director

SPORTS & EVENTS

AUGUST 31

Bledisloe Cup Luncheon on Friday before the great match. Guest speaker Rod Macqueen. Bookings are now open, so hurry to avoid disappointment. (The Alan Jones British Lions Luncheon sold out.)

SEPTEMBER 1

Tattersalls Club Race Day and Luncheon at Royal Randwick. This year the Club will have the use of a large marquee, on track level. Also young Members will be able to attend the race day, be part of the festivities, without having a sit down lunch. For details: phone the Administration Office on 92646111.

The "Feel-Good" Jacket that does.

Peter is a modest bloke but he would like everybody to know that it was he who discovered the "Feel-Good" Jacket in Milan in 1996.

It's a Paul and Shark invention in a cashmere & wool mix and it feels kinder than a mother's love. Navy, of course.

Since discovering it, VM has imported a few of this item each year and it never changes, even by a stitch. Characters who try it on, raise their eyebrows at the \$1,540 price tag but simply can't bear to take it off.

Nice feature is the way the front flaps over, concealing the long zip. The knitted collar and cuff look good as well as feel good.

Will you ever pick one up at a SALE? No



Vince Maloney On-The-Park

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SEPTEMBER 14

This year the Villains of Rugby League Luncheon will be held on Friday 14 September. Members will recall the event from last year, which was hailed as a great success. Three well known 'villains' have already confirmed their attendance.

Bookings are now open through the Administration Office Ph. 92646111

BRASSERIE OPENING HOURS

The Brasserie is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday to Friday. It is advisable to book your table for lunch due to popularity of food and service. The new selection of wine by the glass is equal to the best in Sydney.

Don't forget the 'healthy lunch' by the pool weekdays also. Why not enjoy a workout, then have a quick bite.

CITY TO SURF

This year the Club is planning on entering a bigger and better team in this well known event.

Why not enter now? Application forms are available in the Athletic Department.

FOR ALL FUNCTION BOOKINGS please call the Administration Office on 92646111 or E-mail.

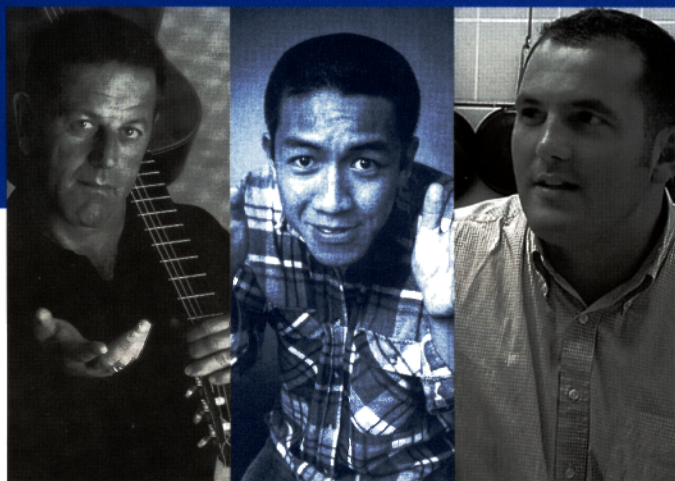
tattersalls race meeting

Saturday 1st September, 2001 at Royal Randwick

Racing and tattersalls are one of Australia's great traditions, so join your fellow members, bring your friends, or just come with your tips to a wonderful day's racing in true tattersalls style at superb Royal Randwick.

- 2 course luncheon in tattersall's own marquee on the Oaks Lawn.
- Bar facilities.
- Close to Tote and betting Ring.
- No escalators or moving walkways.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.
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Left: George Smilovici. "Watching George Smilovici perform made me proud to be Australian-he's world class." John Cornell, producer *Crocodile Dundee*.

Middle: Anh Do. "Anh Do's tales of life were hilarious." *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Right: Guillaume Brahimi. *The Master Chef*.

YOUNG VS OLD DUEL TO THE LAST JOKE AND THE LAST CRUMB, ON OCT 5TH.

The theme of the night is 'young vs. old', fought out between two of Australia's funniest comics and accompanied by 'new vs traditional' food & wine from the master chef, Guillaume Brahimi.

George Smilovici, of whom the *Sunday Telegraph* said: "he was funny; very, very funny and had the crowd in hysterics all night long" will stand up for the veterans. And Vietnamese-born Australian and new wave comedian Anh Do, who has featured on *The Footy Show* and who the *Sydney Morning Herald* described as "hilarious", will hold the torch for the new breed of Aussies.

Meanwhile, the epicurean equivalent will be provided by Guillaume whose food and wine will take us on an adventure from the past to the future featuring some of the best vintage wines, plus some outstanding young wines from the cellars of leading sommeliers.

Along the way, you'll get to savour wonderful food, including especially selected vintage cheeses alongside superb three day old goat's cheese and as a finale, Guillaume will present his awesome, traditional Bombe Alaska up against some of the contemporary deserts that he has brought back from his recent trip to Paris.

Don't miss it. The night is sure to be a sell-out, so book early and you'll be laughing.

Tickets are \$130 per person and Members and guests are welcome to tables of 6 or 10.

**BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW, THROUGH
THE OFFICE ON 9264 - 6111
YOUNG-VS-OLD. 7.30 ON OCTOBER 5.**

DISTINGUISHED TATTERSALL'S ARTIST MEMBER'S LATEST EXHIBITION

In the last few years you will surely have noticed some major changes to the decor in the Club. You may however not know much about the origin of the art works which are a part of the Club's new look.

Two works which warrant mention are in our foyer. The striking black and white piece which you see as you look past the lifts is by Gloria Petyarre. Petyarre won the prestigious Wynne Prize in 1999, an award achieved in some degree at the expense of tattersalls member Gary Gregg, who was a finalist in the same year!



"Gary Gregg with his painting 'In the Half Light' at the opening of the 1999 Wynne Prize Exhibition at the Art gallery of NSW."

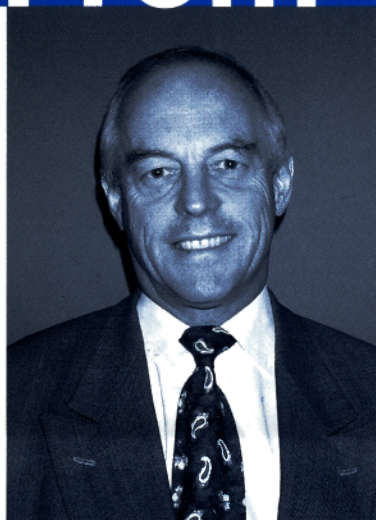
Gary is both an artist and a barrister and would be well known to many members in the gym and bar. You may not be aware that Gary is also behind much of the art in the Club. His work, "Broken Lance" is the golden coloured work which is also visible to guests in the foyer of Tattersall's.

These works have in common the guiding hand of Richard McKinnon who commissioned the Petyarre work and also requested the loan of "Broken Lance" from Gary. Richard was also very influential in acquiring other Gregg works for the bistro in the club; works which were acquired from Gary's last exhibition at Coventry galleries, a legendary place in the Sydney art scene, which passed into history with the passing of its eponymous founder Chandler Coventry.

That was in 1999. Now Gary is showing again and this time at the BBA Gallery in Chippendale. Tattersall's members may well wish to see Gary Gregg's latest work.

The showing runs from August 8th to September 2nd. The BBA Gallery is at 77 Buckland St, and is open midday to 6, Wednesday to Sunday.

From the Chairman



Russell Debney

I look forward to Winter each year. It adds texture to our lives and delivers its own special pleasures. Food and wine seem to taste better. And then there is the other feast of football in all of its codes - as well as this year, lots of late night commitment to Wimbledon tennis and Test cricket against the Old Enemy.

And then there is skiing. Twenty-three of us tattersalls lads are heading down to Perisher Valley this weekend (as I write) for one of the real highlights of the year for me. A week of great camaraderie as we ski hard during the day and party even harder in the evenings.

Sometimes, I wonder what it is about tattersall's members that makes them such good company. Sport and competition that we can enjoy throughout all of our lives is part of the explanation, I am sure. Check out the Athletic Department or the Snooker Rooms if you need persuading. Or ask the Swimmers, or the Basketballers, or the Maui Team. All it takes is to get involved and the rewards are truly special.

Did you make it to the Alan Jones Lunch? The tattersalls rugby lunch certainly lived up to its reputation as Alan entertained a very big turnout of members and guests with his unique analysis of the deciding Lions Test and of the state of the game itself. The members' bar raged on into the evening to usher in the great result for the Wallabies in that magnificent game of attrition the following day. Look out for the Bledisloe Lunch shortly.

It is really pleasing to see an increasing number of younger members in the Club. The feedback is that the special offer for Under 35 members is generating a lot of interest. Under 35 members enjoy half subscription rates as well. Remember that the offer is only open until 31 December after which the entrance fee will again apply!

You will notice lots of improvements to the fabric of the clubhouse are being made. The Committee is keen to ensure that the Club is kept in the condition that you would want it to be. As well, we are readdressing the Master Plan so as to provide for improved and additional members' facilities as soon as we are able to afford them.

The House Committee is also well into its deliberations on the vital issue of smoking in the Club. Technical reports and insurance liability papers are being considered as we try to reach a decision that will fully meet the legal requirements now highlighted for all clubs.



The Alan Jones lunch.



I have to finish on a sad note though. It was only in June that Peter Korda was the featured member in our newsletter. Peter's life was the story of today's multicultural Australia. He spoke of his remarkable success as the immigrant son of Czech refugees, who grew to be a leading impresario. Peter said he was on the road to recovery from illness but he died suddenly and, tragically, far too young.

Only a day or so earlier Ken Glass passed away. Ken was a much loved member of tattersalls who was an active swimmer and handballer almost right up until he died. I had the honour of serving as a fellow committeeman of tattersalls with Ken some years ago. His intelligent contributions and legal and commercial experience made a real difference to tattersalls club.

We are much the poorer for having lost these two fine members and we extend our sympathy to their families.

Russell Debney

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When you think of Austria, what comes to mind??

The Hapsburgs, Vienna Boys' choir, Mozart, great cakes, snowfields and schnitzels. But modern Austria is much more than the sound of music or mountains of strudel: An array of sporting and cultural activities, farm stays and spa holidays await the visitor to this vibrant country.

For culture vultures Austria's capital, Vienna is paradise. The State Opera House, the University, Parliament and Spanish Riding School are within easy reach in this small cosmopolitan city. A new cultural complex called Museum Quarter opened at the end of June in Vienna and is scheduled for full operation later in the year. It will contain twenty different cultural entities-including the Museum of Modern Art and the Zoom Children's Museum. Many of the small historic towns host music and arts events, particularly in the summer, the most famous being the Salzburg Festival.

The range of walking and cycling tours available throughout Austria will delight the sports enthusiast. Enjoy the scenery and ambience in the villages of St Wolfgang or Hallstatt in the Salzkammergut region of 76 lakes, forests and mountains up to 3000 metres.

A popular walk is from Vienna to Salzburg with accommodation in 5 star castle hotels. Hiking and biking tours from Innsbruck to Salzburg combine these two popular cities. Other itineraries follow the Danube from Vienna to Prague or Budapest staying in pensions. For the Danube cycle tour you do not have to be a professional. It is suitable for beginners. The Austrian snowfields offer better value than skiing in Switzerland or the USA. Apart from the well-known resorts of St.Anton, Kitzbuhel, Lech and Innsbruck resorts such as Sölden,

Zell am See and Seefeld offer good value.

Not everyone wants such an active holiday. Another option is a stay-put farm holiday in the Salzburg province where the farm hosts will organise fishing, horse riding and many other activities- ideal for families (especially for students studying German).

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cruises operate from April to October on board the MS River Princess, MS River Queen, MS Amadeus from Amsterdam to Budapest. But at other times there is the Christmas Markets Cruise from Vienna to Nuremberg (Germany) or New Years Eve on the Danube with a gala music concert in Vienna.

Why not consider a holiday at one of the 60 health resorts, forming part of the Slim and Beautiful group- where you can lose weight (on a gourmet diet!), be pampered, escape stress and take preventive measures for your health. These hotels are located in the most beautiful parts of Austria. Programmes offered concentrate on nutrition, exercise, beauty care and relaxation.

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Hotels: **Vienna Bristol and Imperial-** both wonderful 5 star. Some suggestions Pensions- Pertschy, Neuer Markt- 1st class. **Europa, Am Stephansplatz-** 4 star
Cheaper pensions- **Nossek, Suzanne.** Many other hotels can be recommended in other parts of Austria.

Restaurants Vienna: **Do & Co Restaurant-** near the St Stephans Cathedral. This award winning restaurant provides the inflight catering for Lauda. **Steirereck** has won restaurant of the year a few times. **Hansen** is a trendy restaurant in the old Vienna Stock Exchange. **Siebensternbr-** a restaurant associated with a small brewery.

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sports

The Athletic Department Fitness Ranking commenced in September 2000 as part of the Tattersalls Mini Olympics. The competition required members to compete in three testing disciplines in the Athletic Department's Cardio Theatre including the 2000m Rowing Ergometer, 5km Treadmill Run and 20min Cycling Time trial.

The Athletic Departments member activity focus for the month of August will aim at breaking these records.

AD regulars such as Peter Thiel, Simon Narroway, David Huxtable, John Joris, Richard Jagger, Tony Martin, Steve O'Halloran and Michael O'Dea are the current record holders in their age groups and are looking for challenges.

The Fitness Rankings are located around the walls of the cardie theatre and you may recognise many of the names. Yours could be one.

Saturday Massages Now Available

Saturday massage has made a welcomed return to the Athletic Department. Members can now have a relaxing massage with the Athletic Departments new massage therapist, Ron Saleh.

Athletic Department Massage Rates (GST Inclusive)

1/2hr	- \$27.50
3/4hr	- \$38.50
1hr	- \$49.50
1 1/2 hr	- \$71.50

Massages are also available with

John Olander	7.30am to 4.00pm
	Monday to Friday
Charles Zammit	4.00pm to 8.00pm
	Wednesday to Friday
Ron Saleh	4.00pm to 8.00pm
	Monday, Tuesday

Bookings can be made on 9264 5624



Recent Winners: Andrew Torok, Pat Bryant, David Robinson

Popular member, starter and Eels supporter, Andrew Torok hung on to take out the Manchester Unity Health Award for 50m. Andrew is a tireless worker for the swimmers and is also organising the Maui trip and 2 Tatts teams. Well done Andrew!

In the 100m Bistro Award, David Robinson almost lost 2 seconds in a convincing win in the swim off defeating Mark Roufeil and Peter Thiel.

Last month we welcomed new swimmers Garry Wilson & Wensley Carrol to our happy group.

Results of Month 5 swimming were:

Manchester Unity 50m:		YTD End Mon 3:	
1. A.Torok	33	1. P.Thiel	130
2. P.Bryant	31	2. W.Debney	113
3. P.Thiel	30	3. M.Roufeil	108

Brahimi Bistro Award 100m:		YTD End Month 3:	
1. D.Robinson	19	1. I.Lemmey	98
2. M.Rofeil	17	P.Thiel	98
P.Bryant	17	3. J.McCosker	85

Swimmer of the Month - Month 3 Optus Award:

Committee's Choice - Pat Bryant

athletics dept.

swimming



Training for the Maui Swim

Progress Points in the Col Bowes

Memorial Trophy:

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| 1 P. Theil | 44 |
| 2. P. Bryant/M. Roufeil | 41 |

It's in the Bag

Long term sponsor Manchester Unity have agreed to a further sponsorship, this time to the outstanding swimmer of the month in Harry Turner's Morning Swim Squad. A handsome sports bag is the reward and winners to date have been Ian McDonald (a recent father), Greg McMahon and Jerome Green. Thanks again to Manchester Unity.

Reminders

- Don't forget - the Maui Swim, contact Andrew Torok if you are interested.
- Poolside Lunch - 21 August - all financial members welcome
- 2 Tatts Race scheduled for Wednesday 22 August 2001, 6 00 pm Tattersalls Pool.

Rumour

Who said the Golf Club was dead! Story goes that swimming elder statesmen Bob Hudson, John Barker, John McCosker and David Castle have a round robin going.

Snooker Calcutta:

The top two players Eddie Charlton and Glen Wilkinson continued to reward their investors with convincing wins over Greg Mizon and Courtney Poulden respectively. Eddie produced a 48 break to secure a win on the blue ball over a luckless Greg Mizon, while Glen compiled a 85 break in edging out a gallant Courtney Poulden. 1998 champ Rod Foord defeated last years winner Kevin Simmonds in a high quality encounter.

Winners: Bradstreet d M Cummings, B Cox d Day, Pearce d Morton, Werner d Carroll, Gowran d Torok, Crane d Joyce, Jelfs d Watkins, Simpson d Plumridge, A Cummings d Griffin, R Foord d K Simmonds, Woollard d J Foord, Cullen d Tidy, Lindfield d Teale, Tuite d Mann, Tomlin d Spanswick, Pidcock d Sernack, Paton d Foster, Bell d Hall-Johnston, M Twigg d Ryan.

Vale: Peter Korda. A truly valued and gifted member lost his long and difficult battle with illness on July 17. Peter embodied all the positive characteristics of the human condition. Always optimistic, good humoured and polite, Peter supported our club activities to the end, even when he was unable to participate or attend in person. We hope Peter is now promoting heavenly productions with all the stars and select former Tatts members.

Lightning Snooker:

These nights continue to receive popular support from regular members. We welcome new players on our future nights -

- August 30
- September 25
- October 25

Give Joe Minici or George on front desk a call on 9264 6111.

snooker@tattersallsclub.org

The club is re-developing the main site and the snooker site is presently being finalised to meet our requirements. **Try clicking!**

snooker



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We question Errol Chant.

Committee Member, company doctor, race horse owner, breeder and punter.

Where did you spend your early years?

Brisbane - so I have done very well over the years betting on the State of Origin! I left school at fourteen years. In those days you had to be wealthy or win a scholarship to be in full-time education much past fifteen.

When I left school I worked 44 hours a week as a storeman and packer and another twenty hours studying to become a chartered accountant. I still had time to play football, cricket, golf and tennis, bet on the horses, drink with my mates and chase girls.

You graduated at 21, then went to work in England.

I had a marvellous time in the UK. I was there for three years from 1966. George Moore arrived in 1967. George rode a tremendous number of winners and made me a lot of money. I had one bet of five pounds at 1000-1 that he would win the five classics of English racing.

He won the first three but not the fourth. The only trouble in those days was that the women I kept company with (I had not yet met Marion, my wife), could spend money faster than Moore's horses could run.

An editorial writer once described you as a "ruthless, far sighted accountant who kicked Letona in the ego and almost single handed carried it to a brighter future."

After 28 years as a partner I retired from Deloitte in 1998 but still have a part-time consultancy arrangement with the firm. 30 years as a company doctor has given me an expertise in business management, accounting, finance, legal and marketing areas. I've served on statutory authorities for State and Federal governments & performed large assignments for governments.

For instance, I was appointed by Neville Wran's government to Letona Canneries which was vital to a regional economy. After negotiations with Federal and State governments, unions, workers, growers, banks, other creditors and even a blockade, we returned Letona to profitable trading.

Another, was Newcastle Regional Co-Op which had 90,000 members. We paid all creditors in full. Shareholders got all their money refunded, plus a dividend of another 12 cents in the dollar.

When did you start your love affair with the race track?

At fourteen. My father was a good punter. I just love everything about the track. You never see brawls on a race course, because everyone is trying to beat the book maker. You are all on the same side, there is great camaraderie.

What is your recipe for successful punting?

It is like being a success at anything, you have to work hard, long hours at it. Never drink alcohol on the race course and never take a woman. Having said that, I always enjoy taking Marion to the races.

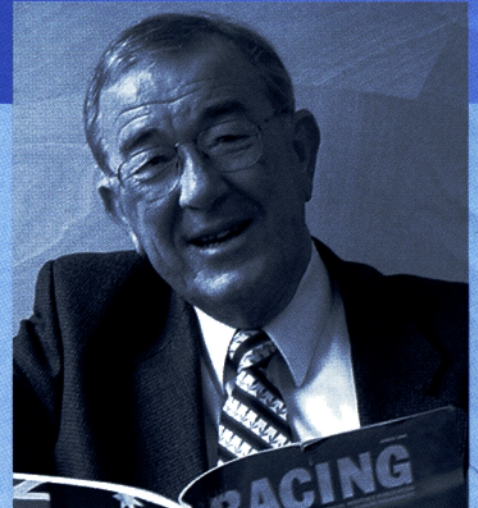
You have to single out the horses who have a good chance of winning - anybody who goes to the races believing they can back eight winners in four states is a candidate for the asylum.

And you never chase your losses on a racecourse, there is no such thing as a last race.

What is the best horse you've owned?

Isinglass, my first Randwick and Rosehill winner won about \$170,000.

The trouble with your own race horses is that your heart starts to rule your head and even if you think it hasn't got a chance, when you see the bookmakers have it at 16:1 you think: "I had better put something on it in case it gets up!"



What is your attitude to the demise of the on-course bookmaker?

If the bookmakers were put out of business, it would be a terrible blow to racing. You may as well sit at home and bet on the TAB. On the other side of the coin, they sometimes do not help themselves. They do not put their prices up quickly enough and when they do, they are betting at about 130%, so they don't entice people to bet with them.

If someone does not stand up to the TAB, in my view they will do what has happened to rugby league and wreck it. They just talk about racing as a piece of 'product'.

How long have you been on the committee?

Nick Whitlam and I have always got on - even though we have had big differences of opinion at times, our mutual respect has ensured survival. I joined his committee in 1998. I am proud to be able to put something back into a club that has given me such immense pleasure over the years.

What is your philosophy on life?

Talent is a gift. It should not be abused by those to whom it is given. Even if you do not have it, you can succeed if you work long hours, have dedication, determination, courage and have fun pursuing your chosen endeavour in life. You can only eat and drink so much. All men can only make love to one woman at a time and when you lose your sense of humour, you are ready to meet your Maker.

To put life in perspective, just visit a hospital and see people, especially children, who will never know the joy of kicking a football or running on a beach.